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SUBJ: THREE AMCITS KIDNAPPED

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1. ON MAY 23 EMBASSY POL COUNSELOR RAISED WITH DEPT FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DIRECTOR FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS KALONJI) POSSIBILITY OF GOZ JOINING IN EFFORT TO LOCATE KIDNAP VICTIMS BY CONDUCTING SEARCH OPERATIONS IN ZAIRE TERRITORY. ALSO PRESENTED FORMAL NOTE TO THIS EFFECT. KALONJI REPLIED THAT CASE WAS HUMANITARIAN ONE IN WHICH GOZ NATURALLY TOOK STRONG INTEREST. HE SAID GOZ HAD ALREADY SENT INSTRUCTIONS TO APPROPRIATE AGENCIES IN FIELD TO LEND ASSISTANCE (SEE REF B). DID NOT APPEAR TO KNOW WHETHER SEARCH OPERATION WOULD BE DECIDED ON. HOWEVER, HE ASKED WHAT PLANES AND VESSELS WERE NOT CONDUCTING SEARCH ON TANZANIAN SIDE AND TOOK NOTES ON SUBJECT.

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2. KALONJI SAID ZAIRE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON REPORTED THAT US MEDIA

(CBS TELEVISION ON MAY 21 AND PRESS ON FOLLOWING DAY) WAS DESCRIBING KIDNAPPERS AS GUERRILLA FIGHTERS OPPOSED TO THE MOBUTU REGIME. EMBOFF DISCLAIMED KNOWLEDGE OF MEDIA SOURCES BUT, DRAWING ON PARA 3 REF C, MENTIONED BELIEF OF INFORMED PEOPLE ON SPOT THAT WABEMBE TRIBESMAN MIGHT BE INVOLVED. KALONJI SAID HE KNEW OF NO DISSIDENCE INVOLVING WABEMBE OR ANY OTHER GROUP IN THE AREA BOARDERING ZAIRIAN SIDE OF LAKE TANGANYIKA. HE DID NOT COMMENT WHEN EMBOFF REMINDED HIM THAT THERE HAD BEEN RECURRING TROUBLE IN THE AREA SOUTH OF UVIRA IN THE PAST AND ZAIRIAN ARMY HAD TAKEN PACIFICATION MEASURES. KALONGI CONFINED HIMSELF TO REPEATING THAT GOZ IS ANXIOUS TO HELP ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS. THIS IS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF ZAIRIAN SENSITIVITY WHERE POSSIBLE "REBELS" CONCERNED.

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